## **REMARKS**

The specification has been amended herein to specify the present application as being filed under 35 USC 371, and to claim the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/SG2004/000351 filed 25 October 2004 and the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/515,229 filed 29 October 2003. In addition, claims 26-45 have been cancelled, to place the application in suitable form for examination. No new matter (35 USC 132) has been introduced.

It therefore is requested that examination and prosecution of this application proceed on the basis of the pending claims 1-25 in the application.

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